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SUBJECT: MBFR: PRESS GUIDANCE ON FRENCH ISSUE

1. CLOSE OF ROUND X, IN WASHINGTON VIEW, IS LIKELY TO
DRAW PUBLIC/PRESS ATTENTION. IN PARTICULAR, IF REVISED
WESTERN DATA IS TABLED, PUBLIC ATTENTION MAY BE DRAWN
TO THE FRENCH ISSUE.

2. WHEN REVISED WESTERN DATA IS TABLED, YOU SHOULD BE
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CAREFUL TO AVOID GIVING REASONABLE CAUSE FOR FRENCH

OBJECTION TO WESTERN PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN VIENNA.
SPECIFICALLY, YOU MAY ANNOUNCE THAT UPDATED DATA HAS
BEEN TABLED ON THE WESTERN AIR AND GROUND FORCE MANPOWER
IN THE AREA, BUT THE FIGURES TABLED SHOULD NOT BE USED
WITH THE PRESS. YOU MAY POINT OUT THAT WE LOOK FORWARD
TO PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION IN THE NEXT ROUND OF COUNTING
RULES USED BY EACH SIDE IN DEVELOPING ITS DATA. IF
SPECIFICALLY ASKED WHETHER FRENCH FORCES IN GERMANY WERE
INVOLVED IN THE TABLED DATA, YOU MAY NOTE THAT ONLY DATA
ON WESTERN PARTICIPANTS WAS PROVIDED. YOU SHOULD MAKE NO
FURTHER COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANCE OF EXCLUSION OF FRENCH DATA.
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